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SUBJECT: VISIT TO RVN BY NORWEGIAN DELEGATION

1. ALTHOUGH OF COURSE EMBASSY OSLO IS THE BEST JUDGE OF THE EFFECT OF SUCH A VISIT ON THE INTERNAL NORWEGIAN DEBATE ON VIETNAM, WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE SUCH A VISIT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE. ANY VISITOR WITHOUT AN ABSOLUTELY CLOSED MIND CANNOT FAIL TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE DEGREE OF POLITICAL FREEDOM THAT PREVAILS HERE, THESTRENGTH AND CAPABILITY OF THE GVN, ITS RELIEF AND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE THINK BOTH US AND GVN INTERESTS WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY EXPOSING SCANDINAVIAN LEGISLATORS (AND AID OFFICIALS) TO THE REALITIES OF VIETNAM.

2. ALTHOUGH GVN IS EXPERIENCED AND GENERALLY SENSITIVE IN ITS HANDLING

OF HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN VISITORS, IF TRIP IS APPROVED WE WILL COUNSEL APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON THE NEED TO AVOID HEAVY-HANDED PROPAGANDA OR TO EXPLOIT TRIP FOR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

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3. EMBASSY OSLO CAN ASSURE GON THAT THERE WOULD BE NO

SECURITY PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SUCH VISIT, WHETHER IN
SAIGON OR TRAVELLING IN THE PROVINCES.
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